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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 16691

E.O. 11652 GDS

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SUBJ: U.S. PRE-ADVANCE PARTY

REF: STATE 239892

1. I MADE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS THIS MORNING TO KORNIYENKO REGARDING ESSENTIAL NATURE OF NOVEMBER 9 ARRIVAL DATE IN VLADIVOSTOK OF U.S. PRE-ADVANCE PARTY. IM EMPHASIZED URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER, CITING RATIONALE IN REFTEL.

2. KORNIYENKO, WHO SAID DOBRYNIN HAD ALSO BEEN APPROACHED IN WASHINGTON, TOLD ME INITIALLY THAT HE COULD ONLY REITERATE IMPOSSIBILITY OF PRE-ADVANCE PARTY ARRIVING BEFORE NOVEMBER 11. HOWEVER, KORNIYENKO CALLED LATER IN AFTERNOON TO SAY THAT, AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW OF ALL FACTORS, IT HAD BEEN DETERMINED THAT PRE-ADVANCE PARTY COULD ARRIVE VLADIVOSTOK IN EVENING OF NOVEMBER 10 IF
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IT WISHED. HE STRESSED THIS MEANT 5 OR 6 P.M. LOCAL

TIME AND NOT EARLIER.

3. KORNIYENKO STATED THAT SOVIET PARTY ITSELF IS ARRIVING ONLY ON NOVEMBER 10. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT NECESSARY WORK ON AIRPORT WHERE PRE-ADVANCE PARTY AND PRESIDENT'S PLANES WILL LAND WILL NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL EARLY AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 10. (KORNIYENKO SAID AIRPORT WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM THAT USED BY COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS TO VLADIVOSTOK.) KORNIYENKO STRESSED THAT DELAY IN ARRIVAL TIME FOR OUR PARTY WAS NOT RPT NOT IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH SOVIET HOLIDAYS BUT WAS MOTIVATED BY GENUINE ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS.

4. IN RESPONSE MY QUERY, KORNIYENKO ALSO SAID EMBASSY ADVANCE PARTY COULD ARRIVE VLADIVOSTOK NO EARLIER THAN AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 10. THEY WILL LAND AT COMMERCIAL AIRPORT AND HOPEFULLY WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST PRE-ADVANCE PARTY ON ARRIVAL AT SPECIAL AIRPORT. STOESSEL UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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